

UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, WINNEBA  
DEPARTMENT OF EWE EDUCATION

SECOND SEMESTER 2007/2008

COURSE OUTLINE

**COURSE CODE** : EWE 241

**COURSE TITLE** : WORD CLASSES

**AIM** : This course aims at equipping students with the requisite knowledge of the syntactic structures of Ewe language. It gives students greater exposure to the different lexical and grammatical categories of the language, laying particular emphasis on the identification and functions of the elements of Ewe grammar.

**COURSE INSTRUCTOR:** GEORGINA A. SAPATY

**TOPIC OUTLINE**

**1. Revision:**

Word formation and morphological properties, nominal and verbal phrases, types of sentence structures etc.

**2. Establishing lexical and grammatical categories.**

**3. Noun** – related word classes.

- nouns, quantifiers, demonstrators, etc.

**4. Verb** – related word classes.

- modals, the future and subjunctive elements.
- repetitive markers, etc.

**5. Pronouns:**

- contextual and syntactic variants of personal pronouns, possessive, reciprocal, and interrogative pronouns.

**6. Adjuncts**

- adverbs, prepositions, post positions.

**7. Adjectives**

- predicative adjectives

- attributive adjectives

## 8. Particles

- conjunctions in sentences, clauses and phrases.
- Utterance particle viz; queation addressive, disjunctive particles, clause introducers, negative markers.

## 9. Interjections.

**Evaluation:** The semester's grade shall be based on the following:

Quizzes and written assignments – 40%

Examination at Semester ending – 60%

## READING LIST

1. Ameka, F. & Osam, K. eds (2000) *New Directions in Ghanaian Linguistics*. Accra: Black Mask Ltd.
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3. Amegashie, S. (1990) *Eûegbe ñe Tutuɔo*. (Structure of Ewe Language).
4. Duthie, A. (1996) *Introducing Ewe Linguistic Patterns*. Ghana: G.U.P.
5. Obianim, S.J. (1964/67) *Eûegbe Āti Nunya I – II*. London, Macmillan.
6. Adorgli, A.Y. (1988) *Kpeɔonudzinya Le Eûegbe Tutuɔo Me*. Language Centre University of Ghana, Legon.